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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) An enteral composition designed for metabolically stressed patients comprising:

a protein source consisting essentially of whey and providing about 15% to about 20% of the energy of the composition, and wherein said protein source is the sole protein source of the composition;

a carbohydrate source; and

a lipid source including a mixture of medium and long chain triglycerides, the enteral composition having a caloric density of at least about 1.4 kcal/ml.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (previously presented) The enteral composition of claim 1 wherein the protein source consists essentially of partially hydrolysed whey proteins.

Claim 4 (currently amended) An enteral composition for a metabolically stressed patient comprising a protein source providing about 15% to about 20% of the energy of the composition, the protein source consisting essentially of partially hydrolysed whey protein, and wherein said protein source is the sole protein source of the composition;

a carbohydrate source; and

a lipid source including a mixture of medium and long chain triglycerides;

the composition having an energy density of about 1.5 kcal/ml and a ratio of non-protein calories per gram of nitrogen of at least about 90:1.

Claim 5 (previously presented) The enteral composition of claim 4 wherein the lipid source provides about 20% to 50% of the energy of the composition.

Claim 6 (previously presented) The enteral composition of claim 4 which includes at least about 100% of U.S. RDA of vitamins and minerals in about 1500 kcal.

Claim 7 (previously presented) The enteral composition of claim 4 wherein the composition includes per 1500 kcal of composition:

a zinc source providing from approximately 28.5 to 43.5 mg;

a vitamin C source providing from approximately 405 to 615 mg;

a selenium source providing from approximately 60 to 90 mg;

a taurine source providing from approximately 120 to 180 mg; and

a L-carnitine source providing from approximately 120 to 180 mg.

Claim 7 (previously presented) The enteral composition of claim 3 further including a source of β-carotene.

Claim 8 (previously presented) The enteral composition of claim 3 which has an energy density of about 1.4 to about 1.8 kcal/ml.

Claim 9 (currently amended) A method for providing nutrition to a metabolically stressed patient comprising the step of administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising:

a protein source consisting essentially of whey and comprising approximately 15% to about 20% of the energy of the composition, and wherein said protein source is the sole protein source of the composition;

a carbohydrate source; and

a lipid source including a mixture of medium and long chain triglycerides, the enteral composition having a caloric density of at least about 1.4 kcal/ml.

Claim 10 (previously presented) The enteral composition of claim 1 wherein the lipid source provides about 20% to 50% of the energy of the composition.

Claim 11 (previously presented) The enteral composition of claim 1 which includes at least about 100% of U.S. RDA of vitamins and minerals in about 1500 kcal.

Claim 12 (previously presented) The enteral composition of claim 1 wherein the composition includes per 1500 kcal of composition:

a zinc source providing from approximately 28.5 to 43.5 mg;

a vitamin C source providing from approximately 405 to 615 mg;

a selenium source providing from approximately 60 to 90 mg;

a taurine source providing from approximately 120 to 180 mg; and

a L-carnitine source providing from approximately 120 to 180 mg.

Claim 13 (previously presented) The enteral composition of claim 1 further including a source of β-carotene.

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Claim ~~15~~ (previously presented) The enteral composition of claim 1 which has an energy density of about 1.4 to about 1.8 kcal/ml.